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**Iran's Post-Election Uprising: Hopes & Fears Revealed**



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The voter turnout in Iran's presidential elections is unprecedented and there is an electrifying sense of hope on both sides.



Among 4 candidates, the favorites are the ultraconservative incumbent president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the moderate ex-Prime Minister Mir Hossein Moussavi. But despite optimism there have already been some reports of voter irregularities...

More than 85% of eligible voters cast their ballots today...



Saturday, June 13

Early this morning the Interior Ministry declared Ahmadinejad the winner.

As the Supreme Leader, I declare this to be a divine result, the people have spoken - our dear president will continue to lead us for another 4 years.

How could they have hand-counted 40 million ballots in 24 hours??

Easy... if they already knew the results.



Moussavi supporters are in a state of shock.

Where is my vote?



By mid-day thousands of Moussavi supporters are in the streets, demonstrating peacefully. However, clashes soon break out between the crowd and riot police.



Moussavi holds a press conference...

The Interior Ministry headed by Ahmadinejad had called me last night to tell me that I had won by a large margin, and I vigorously protest the obvious irregularities present in today's election. I will not bend to these dangerous theatrics.



Sunday June 14

Meanwhile opposition leaders are being rounded up and locked in prison.



Ahmadinejad supporters are thanked for their vote...



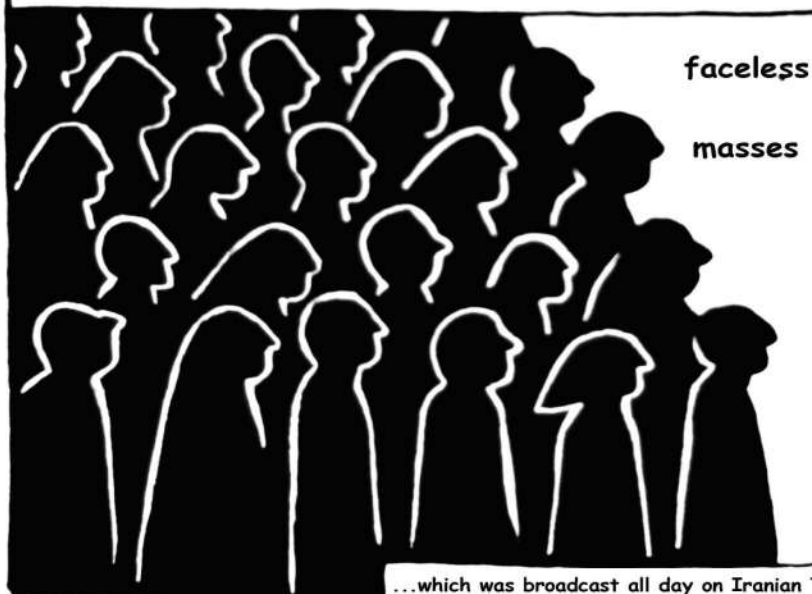
...and are offered cake...



...as they get on the bus...



...to join his victory rally...



...which was broadcast all day on Iranian TV.

Yet news of a massive demonstration set for Monday spreads through word-of-mouth.





Monday, June 15

Today we will fight for our rights.



Women are at the forefront of the opposition movement.

Iranians of all backgrounds heeded the call to demonstrate in Tehran and other major cities.

I fought in the war, my voice deserves to be heard.

Enough repression, I want the chance to pursue my dreams.

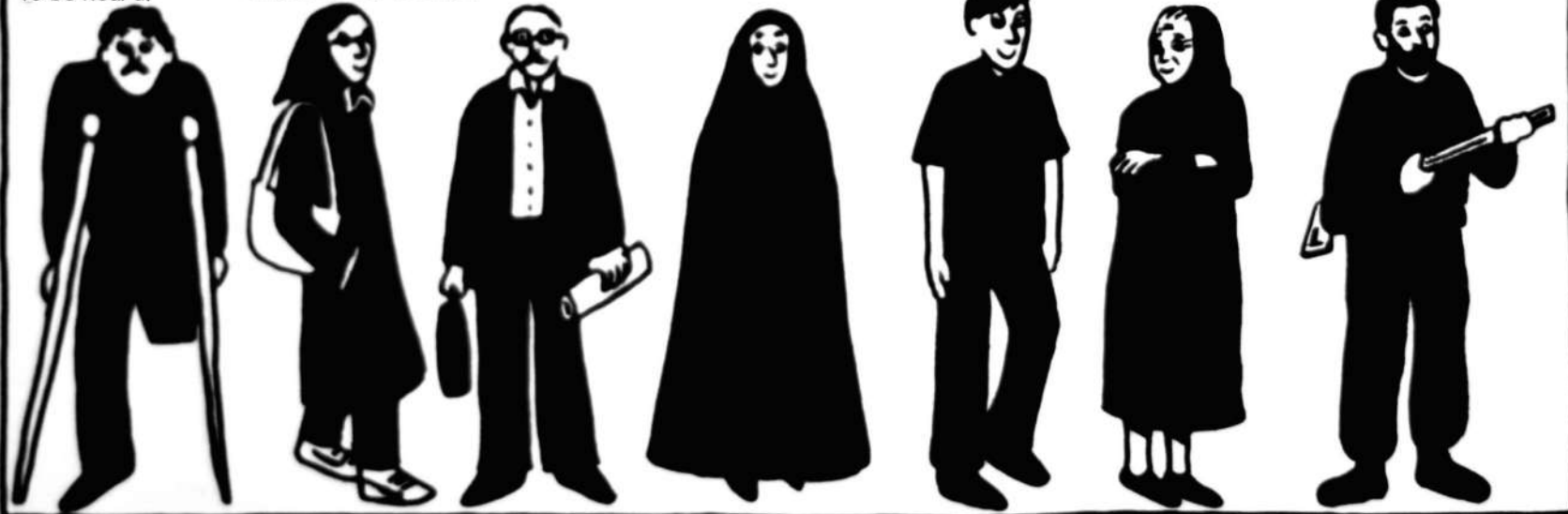
The economy is too weak, we want jobs.

True Islam is peaceful.

I want friendly relations with other countries.

We were happier before '79.

I'm a policeman but these are my people.



2 million people in Tehran...

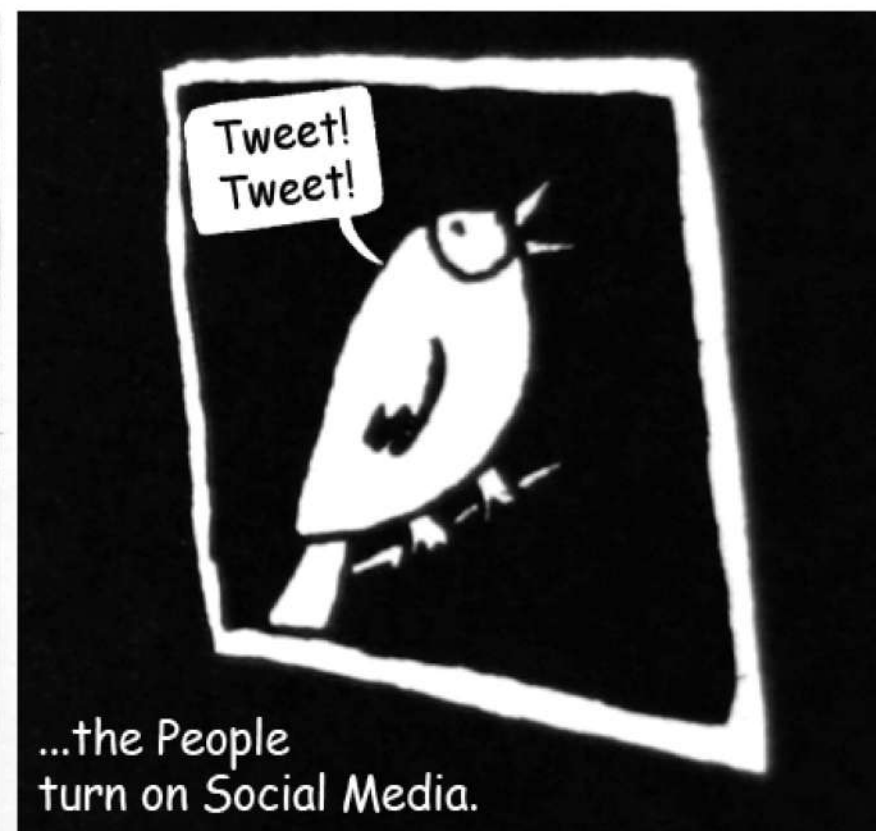
Where Are Our Votes?



Tehran is burning.



Tue/Wed, June 16-17



Thursday, June 18

Thursday saw the most powerful mass demonstration in Tehran since the Revolution.



The crowds were largely peaceful and solemn gatherings...



..."Seyed Ali\* Pinoshet, Iran won't be Chile"...

\*khamenei



And yet the mood was full of hope and people had a genuine belief that things would be changing for the better.



Friday, June 19

The people await the Supreme Leader's final judgment on the issue of the elections...

Maybe Khamenei will declare the elections void and hold a new one.

I hope so. How could he ignore the masses? I just worry what will happen next if he supports the fraudulent results.

He declared...

The election stands and protests are illegal!

He failed us.

We just wanted our votes to be heard, but the heart of the regime is now...

...against us!

Hi little bird, please sing a song for my country...

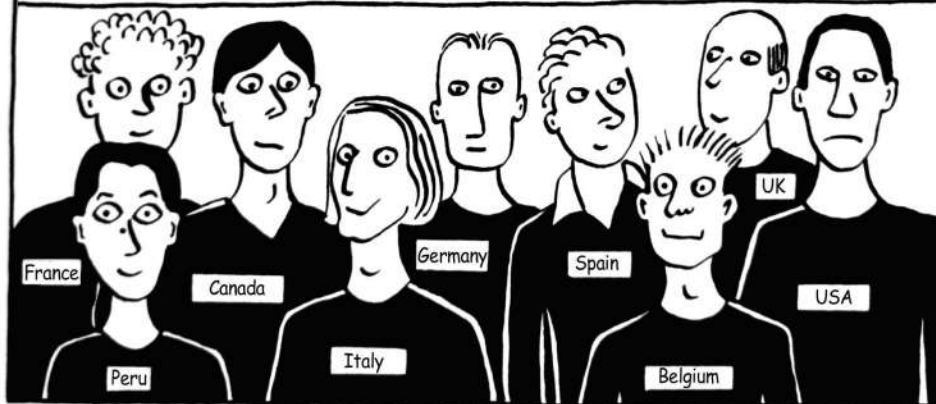
Hope is lost.

and as she fell asleep: Tweet! Tweet!



Sat/Sun, June 20-21

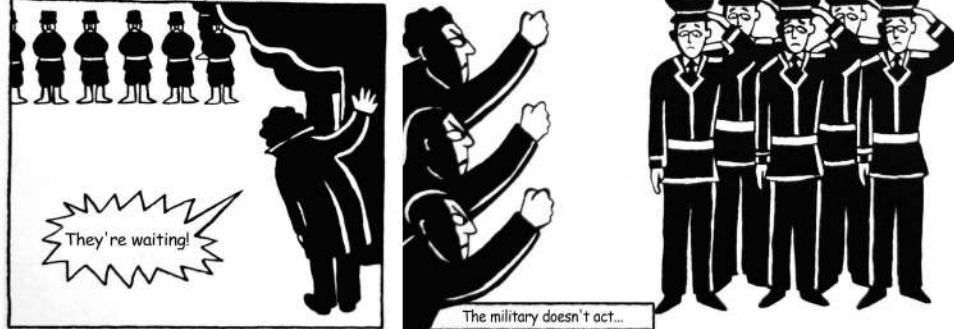
As Iran slept that night, people worldwide sent their support through social media...



...and by protesting in the streets of capitals around the world.



The next morning in Iran...



...but the militias do, brutally.



Dozens of civilians are killed including a young girl named Neda...



Don't cry  
Neda. Your  
death will  
not be in vain...



**Support Iranians,  
Spread the word.**

**Forward  
This Message**

**Twitter, Facebook,  
Email, Print,  
Protest.**

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